The First Revelation

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Mansoor: Baba, can you tell me about the first time the Quran was revealed?

Baba: Of course, my dear. It all began when our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to spend time alone in the Cave of Hira, deep in thought and prayer.

Mansoor: Why did he go there, Baba?

Baba: He loved to be in peace, reflecting on the world and worshiping Allah. He wanted to find the truth. One night, something extraordinary happened.

Mansoor: What happened, Baba?

Baba: The Angel Jibreel (علیہ السلام) appeared before him and said, “Read!” But the Prophet ﷺ replied, “I do not know how to read.”

Mansoor: Oh! What did the angel do then?

Baba: The angel held him tightly and repeated, “Read!” Again, the Prophet ﷺ answered, “I do not know how to read.”

Mansoor: That must have been scary!

Baba: Yes, it was. The angel held him a third time, pressed him, and then recited:

"Read in the name of your Lord, who has created!
Created man from a clot.
Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous." (Surah Al-'Alaq 96:1-3)

Mansoor: SubhanAllah! That was the first part of the Quran?

Baba: Yes, my son. The Prophet ﷺ rushed home, his heart beating fast. He told Khadija (RA) everything, and she comforted him, saying, “Allah will never disgrace you.” She took him to her wise cousin, Waraqa, who said, “This is the same angel that came to Prophet Musa (علیہ السلام).”

Mansoor: So that’s how the revelation started!

Baba: Yes, my dear. It teaches us that the Quran is a gift from Allah, and we should always seek knowledge and wisdom.

Mansoor: Baba, I want to learn more about the Quran!

Baba: That’s wonderful, my son. Let’s read together and remember that learning is a lifelong journey, just like the Prophet ﷺ showed us.

Mansoor: InshaAllah, Baba!